

not say much pretension to a very elevated grade of intellect. That he is a good fellow, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, we do not deny; but that he would be a good legislator is a proposition which many of his warmest friends are unable to admit. No one would attribute to him a very profound knowledge of very deep research, nor very matured experience; and these are qualities necessary for one who would represent the city at Chicago with honor and credit to the State. As would then Mr. Van Buren and Mr. Kane, as candidates for the assembly, be better qualified for a moment's business; and we sincerely hope a strong and ardent support may be given to Mr. Spry, considering the conceded, will discharge his duties, with credit to himself, and honor to his constituents.

"MORE ANON."

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM.

The Shawanese Voice style the late convention at Vandellia, "the Democratic, Republican-Internal-Improvement Convention"—an enormous affair, as long as that of the Anti-Slavery Convention, but has not half so much meaning. The convention referred to, in the official report of its proceedings, is styled a "Convention of the Democratic-Republican of the State of Illinois." Every man who is present at the proceedings of that Convention, knows that the Democratic-Internal Improvements was not made a test in the selection of candidates. Mr. Eliza, in some remarks in relation to Col. Lincoln, said that he (Andrew) was elected in a country that was opposed to the Improvement System, but it was believed that he was in favor of it. The speaker was a perfect friend in the Convention. Mr. Lincoln, upon his first, and protested against the Internal Improvement system as a test question. He said that the people of the State were opposed to the system, and he did not consider it expedient or proper to make it a party responsible for its support. Mr. Lincoln was proceeding in a most excellent manner against the system, when he was induced to resume his seat; and no further allusion was made in the Convention to the subject, unless we except the following remarks, contained in the report of the session, as made by the Convention: "The basis adopted by the Convention—its built up and sustain all those great public improvements which are the property of our State and nation, especially dependent"—which is perfect Van Burenism, meaning any thing, everything, and nothing.

We have thus given the reasons why we consider the course of the Shawanese Voice, in claiming the Internal Improvement system as a party measure, as altogether disingenuous and unwarranted by facts.—Shawane Journal.

"President of Elections being essential to the mutual independence of the branches of the different branches of the same Government," so usually cherished by most of our constitutions, it is deemed improper for officers depending on the Executive of the Union, to attempt to control or influence the free exercise of the elective right. It is expected that no officer will attempt to influence the votes of other men nor take any part in the business of electorship; that being deemed incompatible with the rights of the constitution and his duties.—The People's Advocate.

"When a man is once appointed to office, all the selfish passions of his nature are calmed for the purpose of performing his duty. The office holders are the ENLISTED SOLDIERS of the administration by which they are appointed. Their comfortable existence often depends upon the re-election of their patron. Nor does disappointment long reside in the hearts of the disappointed. They are left to themselves and bearing disappointment with patience they know, will present a new claim to office at a future time."—Senator Burdick.

"When I see an Office Holder interfering in Elections, I tell him to go to the devil. I tell him that he is a traitor to his country, and therefore, AN UNFIT ADVISOR OF THE PEOPLE."—Senator Grady.

OFFICE HOLDERS' OBJECT.

FOR GOV.—THOS. CARLIN, (Land office).

LAND OFF.—MR. ANDERSON.

FOR GOV.—STEPHEN A. DODG.

LAND OFF.—MR. ANDERSON.

Another Locofoco off the Track!—PERRY, La Salle Co. Ill. }

July 18th, 1838. }

To the District composed of La Salle, Kane, and De Kalb counties: KALLA, (Yellers.) At a convention

of the Independent Democratic Voters of your district, held at Ottawa, La Salle, on the 12th of May, 1838, I had the honor to receive the nomination as candidate for the House of Representatives of this State, and at that time accepted the nomination.

Upon further consideration, I find that my duties as a Representative would be entirely incompatible with those of the station I now hold as a public officer, and that I must either relinquish the duties of my profession or decline the honor now conferred upon me. With latter course I am compelled to choose. I have no objection, and will only claim your indulgence, from an over desire on my part to obey your call. It was this that induced me to accept your nomination, which I am now compelled to decline.

I have the honor to be

Yours, truly,

WARD B. BURNETT."

"SHAKE NOT THE CORE LOOSE AT ME—THEY CAN'T NOT LAKE IT."—This exclaimed the wicked and ambitious Mac, while, in the bleeding spirit of the murdered Banquo, took its place at the banquet, and executed the crocodile laceration of the hypocritical usurper. Exactly analogous to the conduct of the present administration towards the people, whose interests and rights are bleeding at every pore, the means of the throne is power. While fasting upon the spoils, we see them dealing out their caprice to the angry, indignant spirit of public opinion, and firing up the passions of the cause which has aroused it. Still that spirit, like the ghost of Banquo, rises unassumed and silent, but its presence is felt, and more threatening aspect. Terror excites, as their guilty prototype, the office, as the thimble matter out through their fingers.—Shake not thy gory bed at us—those can't not see we did it. But the troubled spirit cannot be thus allayed—it will not "go down." It is a curse. Let the sorcerers who have directed its peace look to it.—Troy Mail.

"RILEY OR RILEY."—Van Buren, Calhoun, Bates and Cabell are determined to carry off their Sub-Treasury, Science, with or without law. Cabell has declared in the House that the *Scholarship* in *education*, and would be continued. He has the law on his side, and in the Senate, Calhoun avows himself in favor of that or nothing. In pursuance of this policy, by the votes of Calhoun, Benton, Niles, & Co. Webster's Resolution, regulating the currency question, has been rejected.

This leaves the Government without Van Buren, now wields the sword and the purse. But how has he wielded them? The impious war in Florida illustrates his military achievements, while an exhausted Treasury, a deranged Currency, and the impious war in Florida, illustrates his financial.—Evening Journal.

"Should I be honored with a majority of your votes, I will use my utmost endeavors to promote the interests, the prosperity, and the welfare of the whole State. On the contrary, should you decide against me, I will acquiesce without a murmur."—Col. Carlin's Circular.

Submit to what, Colonel? Not to go into private life, but to continue in the office you now have. If the people will not acknowledge such a doctrine of rotation in office, as will allow you to step out of one lot into another, and then return, still not to see as Government Receiver of public moneys in the Land Office at Quincy. Very magnanimous, indeed!—Quincy Whig.

The circulating medium should consist chiefly of gold and silver. A liberal emission of Treasury notes will not do without additional facilities; but all else serves to debase the currency.—Southern Mer.

We are sure that the Editor of the *Mercury*, whose note this, must have been reading Father Tom's recipe for making whisky punch.—Put in the spirit, and mix with the sugar and water, any drop of water put in after that spoils the punch!—Loo. Jour.

There is no demand in the country but what knows full well, that if the Federalists, or so-called Whigs, get into power, it will be the prestige to the execution of privileged orders.—Vandalia Register.

We admit, that, when the Whigs get power there will be "privileged orders," but those privileged orders will compass the whole people. The citizens of the United States, contrary to what is now the

case, will be *privilegium*—privileged to enjoy all the rights of freedom without being persecuted, persecuted as and put to the torture by a corrupt and despotic Government.

"The principles and views of Democrats ever change." So say the party papers. There is a question.

"Every man who knows any thing about the effects of the Specie circular must know that it is a curse which has done its adoption has not passed away—that there is a necessity for it even now."—Argos.

"If the specie circular was issued, in the first place, to check the numerous land speculations in the West, not after accomplishing the purpose, there is no further necessity for keeping it in force."—Stewart, &—Illinoisian.

"Mr. Ames Kendall—the Immortal Ames, who has sent forth to the People of this country year past the glowing picture of the flourishing condition of the Post Office Department, now asks Congress for the very small sum of two hundred thousand dollars to help along, now that there is no probability that he will be allowed much longer to play the game of the public money in the Treasury. Ames is determined to have money some way or other, and if he cannot get it by trick, he will bag for it. A short time ago his department was, according to his statement, not only out of debt, but was some hundred thousand dollars in debt. Where is the surplus? He has answers—where?—Abd. Exr., Jan. &—Illinoisian.

"If (Edwards) was aware that his political friends were for a (the Internal Improvement system) in some counties, and in others they were opposed to it, and, therefore, in the saying in, he was constantly 'between wind and hazard.'"—Quincy Argos.

"If Mr. Edwards' is in this variable situation, we would like to learn where Mr. Carlin has perched himself to get out of the matter. The Democrats in Green, Macgill, Pike, and Schuyler are as much opposed to this Democratic system as the Whigs are. And, in this country, it is not unusual for members of the party in the last Legislature are to be elected, they will go off if re-elected. If it is so, it is not to be carried on in the very system. They say they always did consider it too large and extravagant, and one of them said in a strong speech that he knew there were really in the system that never would pay the interest on their construction in his time; yet they would not let it come for a moment, and some for another. Like to know if Carlin is not 'between wind and hazard'?"

Perhaps though, he of the Argos will say that these latter named Democrats are "brazards," and will follow after the car on my way.—Illinoisian.

From the Hartford Patriot and Democrat.

A STARTLING EXPOSURE.—It was stated on the floor of Congress, a few days since, by the Hon. Mr. Southgate, of Kentucky, that the Land office receivers or Sub-Treasurers—and out of office, who are defrauders, have in their hands at this moment the enormous sum of 1,850,000 dollars of the public money, and that the defaulting custom house officers, not now in office, but who have been fully sufficient to give away to a fresh estate in the hands of the public a sum of 1,427,414 dollars of the people's money—making in all the sum of 3,277,414. This immense sum, however, is estimated by Mr. Southgate, did not include the two thousand and more of defaulting postmasters or the defaulting receivers of new office, who are defrauders to the government, and various other receivers and disburers of the public revenue. Mr. Southgate dared say gentlemanly fidelity to the administration to deny this statement, and he would prove it from the records.

THE PARANATURAL SYSTEM.

The Washington correspondent of the *Democratic* assails Mr. May for his misty doctrine of the character and rights of the people as the public lands. The proffered by Mr. May, from Mr. Van Buren's own message, that he is in favor of a pre-emption law at this time, for the purpose of winding up the system is "gull and wormwood" to the Locofoco.—We hope to have Mr. May's account on this subject in a few days. It will expose the hollow hearted professions of rogues, made by the Locofoco press, for the sake of the people. Mr. Van Buren says, in substance in his message, "Pass a pre-emption law now, and provide by law

against intruders upon public lands hereafter."—We do not wonder that the party who are in power should say this. When Mr. May catches the sheep, this from the wolf's shoulder, it would be a wonder if they did not.

Mr. May's amendment, if carried, will defeat Mr. Van Buren's message. His amendment extends the law granting pre-emption rights to *any person who may claim upon the public lands*. This is a monstrous *proffer* for the first time in the true principles; and not as Mr. Van Buren recommends in his message, "Pass a pre-emption law for the benefit of present settlers, but exclude all others ever hereafter from the advantages of the system. The administration is now engaged in providing for the establishment of a large standing army. If Mr. Van Buren can control in his public land projects, he will have use for them as present intruders upon the public lands." See his message to Congress.

"Land Ho! To the Settlers."

Mr. VAN BUREN, in his message, says: "Many who have not the ability to buy at present prices, settle on the public land, with the hope of acquiring from their cultivation the means of purchasing under pre-emption laws from time to time passed by Congress. For this ENCROACHMENT on the United States, they excuse themselves on the plea of their own necessities."

It would seem to be the part of wisdom to remove as far as practicable the causes of *INTRUSION* upon the public lands, and then take EFFICIENT STEPS to prevent them in future."

SETTLERS, FREEMEN, CITIZENS, of Illinois, will you vote for one who will drive you away from your farms and claims? Answer on the first Monday of August. Vote against Martin Van Buren, who stigmatizes you as *Trespassers and Intruders*.

JOHN T. STUART.

We copy the following from the Ottawa Argus, a loco loco paper; and we are much gratified to see that there is sufficient interest in that paper to give this vindication of Mr. Stuart's friendly relation towards the district.

By Request.

"MR. STUART.—An impression is been instilled through a portion of the Democratic Press of this District, that Mr. Stuart is hostile to the rights of the settlers on the public lands. I deem it desirable to set at rest the popular mind by the tribunal of public sentiment upon his own opinions and acts only, and not upon those of his political friends. And in pursuance of this view, I ask through the medium of the democratic press, that you will kindly send back to the unfounded insinuation. I say, then, to the electors of this Congressional District, that Mr. Stuart is not hostile to the rights of the settlers on the public lands; that he is not hostile to the settlement, or policy of a pre-emption law, but has publicly and distinctly avowed himself in favor of both. And ask the electors of this district, whatever may be the sentiment of Mr. Stuart, or his competitors going to ground their votes for either, upon a false issue, raised between them."

A CITIZEN.

Robt and Steele.—David Robt has been appointed Receiver of the Land Office at Zionsville, Ind. Steele, Post Master, in Indiana. Robt and Steele are appropriate names for Sub-Treasurers.

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William H. Davidson.

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**Alexander Logan, Socrates Rand,
Luther Hatch.**

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